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Invention: **SOFT TISSUE LOCKING
DEVICE**

ELECTRONICALLY
SUBMITTED:
July 23, 2009

Inventor: Herbert E. Schwartz et al.

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Examiner: Woo, Julian W.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request an extension of time to file this response. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the three-month extension of time fee (\$1,110.00) to extend the time for filing a response from April 27, 2009 to July 27, 2009 to Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to our matter 26502-73682. Please consider the following:

Remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.